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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

(slight
historical
significance)

1 NAME

HISTORIC
JAMES MITCHELL HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
57 South Sixth Street

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
12th

CITY, TOWN
Indiana

VICINITY OF

STATE
Pennsylvania

CODE
42

COUNTY
Indiana

CODE
063

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
John Albarano Real Estate Agency

STREET & NUMBER
836 Washington Blvd.

CITY, TOWN
Williamsport

VICINITY OF

STATE
Pennsylvania 17701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Indiana County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
8th and Philadelphia Streets

CITY, TOWN
Indiana

STATE
Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE
2/10/78

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN
Harrisburg

STATE
Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The James Mitchell house is a two and one half story painted brick structure with a gable roof. Double chimneys are located in the gable ends. A 2½ story frame wing was added to the circa 1850's brick structure making the layout of the Mitchell house L-shaped.

The front brick section is six bays by 4 bays. Windows today are 1 over 1 with stone lintels. The main doorway is located in the 4th bay. The paired doors were installed circa 1890 as well as the glass sidelights. A gable roofed porch shaded this doorway but has been removed recently.

The rear frame wing is two and one half stories with a gable roof and an interior brick chimney in the gable end. Windows in this 2 bay by 2 bay section are 1 over 1 double hung sash with wooden flat hoods. At the rear inner angle is an inset porch and second story room. A 2 bay dormer is located in the rear roof of the brick section.

The interior of the building is basically intact. The central hallway is flanked by 2 rooms on each side. Alterations to the interior consist of the replacement of the original fireplace mantels with those characteristic of the Victorian period and some alteration of the wooden molding in the front first story rooms.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING :	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
X1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1849-59 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Abstract: The James Mitchell house is of architectural significance to the town of Indiana because it is one of the few remaining vernacular Federal style buildings within the borough limits.

On August 14, 1849, James Mitchell purchased two lots, numbers 150 and 149 in the town of Indiana for \$100.00. On these lots he built his two and one half story brick house.

Tax assessment records for the years 1856-1860 indicate that James Mitchell's occupation was that of Innkeeper. It seems quite likely that he used his home as an Inn. It was during this period that commerce and transportation were rapidly expanding in Indiana County as a result of the completion of the Pa. canal and the Pa. railroad. An advertisement in the Democratic Messenger dated June 6, 1859, refers to James Mitchell as being the proprietor of the Mansion House. Apparently this was a hotel or a tavern. Since Mitchell's occupation was listed as Innkeeper, it may be assumed that this building was used as an Inn.

James Mitchell was a Borough councilman in 1847, 1853 and 1854. He owned Lots 149 and 150 from 1849 to April 5, 1859, the date of the recorded sale of the property to Hugh W. Weir, and Indiana attorney. In the deed for the transaction it states " ... Upon which is erected a large brick dwelling house, frame stable, log house and other out buildings." Weir paid \$1910 for the lots and buildings. This indicates that the two story brick home was built sometime between 1849 and 1859.

In the deed of sale of the property from Hugh W. Weir to E. H. Wilson on May 9, 1870, there is again reference to a 2 story brick house. The house eventually came into the possession of H. E. Clark, who sold the property to Dr. Howard B. Buterbaugh on Sept. 8, 1903. Dr. Buterbaugh used the first floor of the building for many years as a doctor's office. It remained in the possession of the Buterbaugh family until January 15, 1969 when it was sold to John J. Albarano, the present owner.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See Continuation Sheet)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .25

QUADRANGLE NAME Indiana, Pa.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots at northeast corner of the intersection of Church Street and 6th Street

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE
Richard Burkert, Deidre McKosky

ORGANIZATION
Indiana County Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER
6th Street and Wayne Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Indiana

STATE
Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE ED WEINTRAUB, DIRECTOR
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

INDIANA QUADRANGLE
PENNSYLVANIA-INDIANA CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5165 II NE
(GLYMER)

655 10'

FULTON RUN 4.3 MI.

954

1 610 000 FEET

PUNXSUTAWNEY 26 MI.
2.5 MI. TO PA 110

286

79° 07' 30"

40° 37' 30"

4.5 MI. TO PA 553
LEBENSBURG 26 MI.

470 000
FEET

HOME 8 MI.

4497

4496

4495

1.8 MI. TO U.S. 22

35'

